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FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0570
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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PARIS FOR RFC

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ABLD- IZ
SUBJECT: IMPOUNDING OF USINT BANK ACCOUNT

1. ON OCT 4 BRANCH MANAGER OF COMMERCIAL BANK INFORMED USINT
THAT BANK HAD RECEIVED ORDER FROM SUPERVISORY EXECUTORY BODY OF
BAGHDAD INSTRUCTING BANK TO IMPOUND ID 4638.340 (US\$ 15,770)
OF USINT (RFC PARIS) CHECKING ACCOUNT AT REQUEST CREDITOR KHALIL
IBRAHIM ASH-SHEIKH AHMAD. CREDITOR IS LANDLORD OF FORMER USIS
LIBRARY. BRANCH MANAGER SAID HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TURN OVER
THIS AMOUNT TO COURT NOT LATER THAN OCT 6.

2. DEPT AWARE OF COURT CASE THAT HAS LED TO
IMPOUNDING. DETAILS CONTAINED IN BAGHDAD OMS OF DEC 5, 1972
AND JANUARY 9, 1973 TO FBO AND NEA/EX. CHRONOLOGY AND OTHER
PERTINENT DOCUMENTS AIR POUCED DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON ON
OCT 6 (BAGHDAD A-41/REGISTRY NO. 1065011).

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT CERTAIN OF LEGAL POSITION, WE HAVE
STRONGLY PROTESTED THIS ACTION TO COMMERCIAL BANK AND DELIVERED
NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OCTOBER 6. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF NOTE
FOLLOWS: "EMBASSY HAS NOT HAD TIME TO ASCERTAIN POSITION OF
USG ON THIS MATTER, BUT THIS ACTION WOULD APPEAR TO VIOLATE
ARTICLE 31 OF VIENNA CONVENTION. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS
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THAT MINISTRY TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREVENT IMPOUNDING OF

ANY FUNDS IN EMBASSY'S ACCOUNT."

4. I HANDED OVER NOTE TO ZUHAIR AL-OMAR IN PROTOCOL AT NOON
OCTOBER 6 AND HE PROMISED TO DISCUSS IT WITH DIRGEN AND LET US
KNOW WHAT MINISTRY COULD DO.

5. COMMENT: I HAVE NO RPT NO REASON AT THIS POINT TO BELIEVE
ACTION REPRESENTS EFFORT TO HARASS USINT. DEPARTMENT
POSITION ON LEGALITY OF IMPOUNDING PORTION OF BANK ACCOUNT AS
RESULT COURT RULING IN FAVOR OF LANDLORD OF USIS LIBRARY URGENTLY
REQUESTED.

6. SINCE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION CONTAINED STATE 173983 ON
LANDLORD'S CLAIM HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, BELIEVE THIS
ASPECT OF CASE SHOULD ALSO BE REASSESSED.

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